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A Report of

THE ASSOCIATION OF UNITY CHURCHES

December, 1969

MID-YEAR COUNCIL OF COMMITTEES The dates set for the 1970 Mid-Year Council of Committees are January 12th through the 16th. Committee meetings will be held January 12th and 13th; Board meetings will be on the 14th and 15th; and, the 16th is being held free so that whatever body needs to meet an extra day is available for further action. Committee chairmen will determine whether or not their committee will need to meet during the Mid-Year Council and it will be the responsibility of the committee chairman to so inform his committee members. If you are uncertain as to whether it will be necessary for the committee upon which you are serving to meet, please contact your committee chairman.

Reservations for accommodations during the Mid-Year Council should be sent to the AUC office since at this time of the year the Reservations Office is closed.

UNITY EXPANSION We have received word from Ruth Seaton, Chairman of the Expansion Committee, that the ROUND THE CLOCK PRAYER PROJECT is meeting with tremendous success. We know that as we maintain our consciousness of prayer we maintain the development of our movement in strength and power and prosperity. Bless you for your part in our expansion.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR SIG PAULSON Sig Paulson, Director of the Department of World Unity and Minister of Unity Village Chapel, is on leave of absence from Unity School for a period of up to one year. He plans to do some writing and lecture work and engage in spiritual and scientific research in order to "deepen himself." Foster McClellan who has been Associate Director, will become the acting Director of the Department of World Unity, and Jane Paulson, Associate Minister, will be in charge of Unity Village Chapel. We know that you will enfold Sig and Foster and Jane in your consciousness of prayer and blessing.

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* AREA CODE 816 This is the area code for Unity School,
* Silent Unity and the Association of Unity
* Churches. The telephone company has brought
* to our attention that a good many calls to Unity Headquarters
* are going astray because of an incorrect area code being
* dialed. Since most of these calls come from California is it
* possible that in some printed matter on the West Coast the
* wrong area code has been published? Please check to be sure
* that in any printed matter the area code for Unity Headquar-
* ters is 816. Thank you and bless you for your cooperation.
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SMRS INTENSIVE
IN BIBLE

From January 5th through the 9th there will be a Bible Intensive for all SMRS students here at Unity Village. A cordial invitation is extended to all ministers and teachers to avail themselves of this intensive. From 8 a.m. to 12 noon each day this week, there will be an intensive course in Bible that should be tremendously stimulating and inspiring. Dr. Lindsay Pherigo, Professor of New Testament and Early Church History at St. Paul School of Theology will lecture on Tuesday and Thursday mornings on New Testament historical problems and methods. Edward Rabel, minister at Unity Church of Truth, Toronto, Canada and long considered one of the clearest interpreters of the Bible in Unity, will lecture on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. The lectures will be about an hour to an hour and one-half, followed by a coffee break, followed by a question and answer period. This intensive can serve not only as a refresher course for Unity teachers and ministers, but will enable those interested to have exposure to our ministerial students and will enable those students to get better acquainted with you as ministers and teachers from the field. Reservations will be handled through the SMRS office.

N O T I C E

To make things easier for all of us, please notice this important notice about notices. You may have noticed the increased amount of notices for you to notice. We notice that some of our notices have been noticed. On the other hand, some of our notices have not been noticed. This is very noticeable! It has been noticed that the responses to the notices have been noticeable. This notice is to remind you to notice the notices and respond to the notices because we do not want the notices to go unnoticed!

*Notice Committee for
Noticing Notices.*



PHYLLIS HURD: The newest member of our staff in the AUC is Phyllis Hurd. Phyllis is assistant to Ken Tiffany and is responsible for much of the order in our accounting. Phyllis had never heard of Unity until she applied to us for a position in response to our need for a bookkeeper. She is married. Her husband, Don, is a farmer and they have a lovely 2½ year old daughter, Paula. Phyllis has made the most rapid adjustment in becoming a part of Unity of any member of our staff. It was only a matter of days until the whole staff felt that she had always been with us.

When you are next back in our office stop by and say hello to Phyllis. She is charming.

PLACEMENT

Unity West Milwaukee, WI: We have been deeply grateful to Louise Bowman for her activities as interim minister at Unity West in October and November. Negotiations are now under way for succession of leadership in the activities there.

Rockford, IL: Rudy Leidig, who has been assistant minister in Portland, Oregon, has been invited to accept leadership of our work in Rockford, Illinois. We know that you will want to extend special blessings to Rudy as he carries forth the good work there.

Albuquerque, NM: Upon the occasion of Dessie Metcalfe's marriage and resignation, several applicants have been considered for leadership in Albuquerque. An invitation has been extended to Paul Butler to accept leadership there. Paul has been in charge of the Unity ministry in Lansing, Michigan, and brings special blessings for growth and development to the work in Albuquerque.

Lansing, MI: At the present time with the move of Paul Butler to Albuquerque, we are negotiating for succession of leadership in Lansing. We know that Spirit has a perfect plan and that that plan is being revealed in a divinely ordered and perfect way.

San Antonio, TX: In April when Mary Myles passed on, the ministry that she had conducted over the years was dissolved but those interested in the continuation and development of Unity in San Antonio carried on in a consciousness of prayer. On Sunday, October 12th, Catherine Ponder of Austin, Texas conducted public meetings with the view in mind of developing a ministry again in San Antonio. The response has been tremendous and as a result Catherine has been led to resign from leadership in Austin and move forth in the new ministry in San Antonio. She will have made that change by the first of January. We know that you will want to extend a special blessing to Catherine as she cooperates in the expansion and extension of our Unity work in Texas.

Austin, TX: Bernard and Polly Dozier have accepted an invitation extended to them by the board of Unity Austin to accept leadership of that ministry January 1st. We know that under their capable leadership the work will continue to unfold and expand in an exciting way.

Minneapolis, MN: With the move of Bernard and Polly Dozier to Texas our ministry in Minneapolis is negotiating for succession of leadership. Please abide with us in the consciousness of prayer that knows that the Father's perfect will is being done.

Las Vegas, NV: We have received word from Evan Clark that it will be necessary for him to return to Florida. He is not at the present time committed in his future participation in the work. An invitation was extended by the board in Las Vegas to Marie Kapp to return to Las Vegas and accept leadership of that work. Marie has, with her husband Paul, returned to Las Vegas and we know will be a continued blessing to the folks there. For the past year and one-half Marie has conducted the work in Oroville, California.

Oroville, CA: At the present time we are negotiating succession of leadership of our work in Oroville and here again your consciousness of prayer will be meaningful.

SPECIAL BOOK CLUB The promotional department of Unity School will shortly, after the first of the year, be contacting by direct mail a select group of people who in their recent past have purchased Unity books from Unity School. These people will automatically become members of a Unity Book Club. They will have the option, through direct mail promotion, of purchasing Unity books and allied books published by Harper and Row, Prestiss Hall and Doubleday at a special rate available only to members. A dealer's discount cannot be made available to Unity centers or retail book dealers from the Book Club price. There are federal laws that govern the distribution of printed material at discount prices and these laws prohibit Unity School from passing along the discount price to retail dealers as well.

You realize, of course, that books by Unity authors published by the above publishers are available for resale at a greater discount to you if you purchase directly from the publisher. If there are any questions in regard to this, please know that we will be more than happy to answer them.

I M P O R T A N T

PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORD A permanent record of physical facilities of our Unity ministry is being developed in our AUC office. Will you please send at your earliest convenience a photograph of your church accommodations in order that we may pictorially present the physical image of our movement. Your cooperation in this matter will be deeply appreciated.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION REPORT

Last year several field trips were taken during which prospective students for the School for Ministerial and Religious Studies were interviewed. Going out into the field to meet, interview, and test prospective students proved to be a most successful project. First of all, it eliminated an extra trip to Unity Village for the applying student. Secondly, it enabled us to make contact with and acquire a number of excellent students. We are now planning such a project for next year. Do you think you would have any students who might be interested in talking with members of our faculty and taking the initial steps in applying for SMRS? If so, please write to William L. Fischer, Unity School for Ministerial and Religious Studies, Unity Village, Missouri 64063. Please give this your prompt and serious attention, as the size of the response to this request will determine where the next "student recruiting" trips will be taken.

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* PARTICIPATION All participation tickets for centers have been forwarded
* TICKETS and should be in your hands by the time you receive
* this report. If you have not received your tickets, please
* notify this office immediately so that we may send some more
* to you by first class mail. It is possible that they could have been delayed
* in the Christmas rush although all tickets were forwarded first class or
* air mail.
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* PROMOTIONAL Posters and Convention buttons have also been forwarded to
* MATERIALS most of the centers by third class mail except for those out-
* side of the continental United States which were forwarded
* by air mail. Due to a split shipment of the buttons, not all
* posters and buttons have as yet been forwarded but are to be forwarded by the
* 11th of December. They should be in your hands very shortly.
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* BROCHURES AND LETTERS Your response to our offer to send both our pre-
* OF INVITATION liminary brochures and letters of invitation on
* AUC letterheads has been overwhelming. We have
* already received requests for over 50,000 of each.
* The brochures for those we have received to date have been forwarded to
* you by United Parcel Service or third class mail and should be in your
* hands very shortly. Letters of invitation are now in the process of being
* mailed to those whose requests have been received. Many of these are also
* being sent by United Parcel Service to speed their delivery to you during
* this season. We anticipate that all such materials that have been requested
* to date will be in your hands before Christmas. If your requested brochures
* and letters of invitation have not been received within fifteen days of the
* date that you requested them, please advise us by letter so that we may
* initiate follow-up action. It is possible that the Christmas rush may also
* delay some of these items.
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* CHARTER TRANSPORTATION Other than those centers which have already been
* notified by mail, no central charter transportation
* has been arranged by this office. We have found
* that local efforts have been more effective in achieving good service for
* centers from the areas concerned. If you have any difficulties finding con-
* venient charter transportation, please advise us and we will attempt to
* assist you from here.
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* ADDITIONAL MATERIALS If you find that you have need for additional posters,
* buttons, brochures or letters simply advise and they
* will be shipped to you by return mail. Initial
* quantities of these items are now being replenished so that more will be
* available to you upon request.
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FINANCIAL STATEMENT
November 1969

Balances - Nov. 1, 1969:

Cash on hand and in bank	2,683.49
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Receipts - November 1969

Love Offerings (cash)	13,829.58	
Paid on Youth Education Material	3,336.48	
* Other receipts	1,891.17	
Total Receipts	19,057.23	
Total available		21,740.72

Disbursements - November 1969

Operating Expenses	15,268.70	
Investment - Youth Education Material	3,751.94	
Mtg and Annuity - Calif. Property	400.00	
Convention	70.26	
Tithe	1,645.11	
Total Disbursements	21,136.01	

Balances - November 30, 1969:

Cash on Hand and in bank	604.71
Total Disbursements and balances	21,740.72

* refunds of expenses, deposits for Pension Plan, and payment for miscellaneous items sold to students and Centers, and \$35.00 for Convention.

NOTE:

--This statement does not include note receivable from Island View House--
\$18,020.00.

--Investment to date, in Y E Material	\$16,012.42
Less: Payments received to date--	7,457.97
Unrecovered Balance	8,800.18

--Paid to date on Calif. Property:	
Closing, taxes, legal	1,779.01
Mortgage (incl. interest)	1,600.00
Annuity	1,400.00
Total	4,779.01

This property has a market value of
between \$100,000.00 and \$125,000.00.